

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/554,408  
Applicant : GRODE et al.  
Filed : November 30, 2006  
TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz

Docket No. : 2923-737  
Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No. : 4545

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Accordingly, with a two month extension of time, this amendment is being timely filed on or before September 8, 2008. The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.